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In re patent application of Takeshi OGINO et al.

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For: **MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING
INTERMEDIATE MATERIAL, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND
MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING HEAT-
RETAINING ARTICLE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, line 3, delete "or 4".

Claim 10, line 3, delete "or 9".